

CASE: 1223

BASED ON LTR, CO 1 BN, 1ST MARINES, 20 OCT 68, SUBJ; CONGRESSIONAL
CORRESPONDENCE.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 12 JUL 93, IE3 INVESTIGATED CASE 1223 ON HILL 689 IN HUONG HOA
DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. IE3 CANVASSED VILLAGERS IN LANG BU VILLAGE,
HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, FOR INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS
CASE WITHOUT SUCCESS. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS
LOCATION AS HELD IN U.S. RECORDS WHERE THEY OBSERVED MANY BOMB CRATERS,
SEVERAL DISCARDED PLASTIC FIRST AID BANDAGING PACKAGES, AND A SMALL
PORTION OF A BAYONET SHEATH. THE TEAM DID NOT OBSERVE ANY EVIDENCE OF
REMAINS AT THE SITE. (REF 2)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1224-0-01 (ACCNO 5577) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: MAHONEY, THOMAS PATRICK III Date Status assigned: 6 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	B +
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	159 lb / 72.0 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48QXD773441
Lat/Long: 164027N / 1063946E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: HUONG HOA
Mission Dae: 6 Jul 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Investigations: Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	GRND	Serial:	\$
Crash Type:	None	Engine Type:	
Call Sign:	\$	1 Serial:	
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

12 December 1975

ON 6 JULY 1968 LCPL THOMAS P. MAHONEY III LEFT THE PERIMETER OF AN OUTPOST LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 881 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AT GRID COORDINATES XD 773 441. ANOTHER MEMBER OF HIS UNIT HEARD SMALL ARMS FIRE AND HEARD LCPL MAHONEY CALL FOR HELP. A SMALL REACTION FORCE WAS SENT OUT TO CHECK THE AREA AND SAW LCPL MAHONEY LYING AT THE BOTTOM OF A HILL. THE REACTION FORCE MADE THREE ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER HIM AND SUFFERED CASUALTIES EACH TIME. AIR ASSISTANCE WAS CALLED IN TO HELP AND IT WAS LATER STATED THAT THE BODY OF LCPL MAHONEY WAS SEEN AND THAT IT HAD BEEN HIT BY FIRE FROM THE PLANES.

THE RECOVERY MISSION FINALLY WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LCPL MAHONEY IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

12 December 1975

REFERENCES USED: <1> RPT, HQ 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES, 1ST MARDIV, 27 JUL 68. <2> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 12 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO RUON HAMLET, HUONG TAN VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO INTERVIEW LOCAL RESIDENTS CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1224. THE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE NEAREST HAMLET, RUON HAMLET, COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASE 1224. NO WITNESSES WERE PROVIDED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION AND LOCAL RESIDENTS COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE U.S. RECORD SITE YIELDED NO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES DISCOVERED AT THE SITE. (REF 2)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 18 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1225-0-01 (ACCNO 5233)
Name: BIRD, LEONARD ADRIAN

Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 13 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	02	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	182 lb / 82.4 kg	Duty pos	RIO
Home State	DELAWARE	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXD835345
Lat/Long: 163513N / 1064313E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: HUONG HOA
Mission Date: 13 Jul 1968
Mission Category: 2
Local Analysis: Remote area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Dec 92
Investigations: Jun 93
Surveys: Jun 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	F4B	Serial:	150650
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	J7915
Call Sign:	#	1 Serial:	#
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	#

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